(b) Such representations have been received. However, the Government, in accordance with the provisions of the Quota Policy, releases quotas for garments under three systems, viz, the Past Performance Entitlement, the Manufacturers Exporters' Entitlement and the Non-Quota Exporters' Entitlement at the beginning of every year. However, Quotas which become available against flexibilities, surrenders etc, are released under the First Come First Served System (FCFS) from time to time after due notice to the trade.

(c) It has not been possible to release any quotas under the FCFS System, since March, 1994 on account of a stay order issued by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in Writ Petition No. 3048 of 1994.

Export of Textiles

4544. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for export of textiles to foreign countries during the current year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the economy of the textile industry would be adversely affected as a result of excise duty imposed during the current Budget and if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the details of remedial measures proposed to be adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Government have not yet fixed targets for the export of textiles during 1994-95.

(b) and (c) In the budget of 1994-95 the excise duty structure in respect of the textile sector has been simplified and rationalised by reducing the number of rates, switching over from specific rates to advalorem rates, extending the modvat scheme upto the yarn stage etc. These changes have the effect of an increase in the incidence of duty on certain items and decrease of duty on certain other items. The Government is taking action to revise drawback rates to which different items of export are eligible taking into account the impact of the budget on the cost of various inputs.

Cottage Industries for Manufacture of Readymade Garments

4545. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of steps taken by the Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India for promotion and development of cottage industries during the last three years ;

(b) whether C.C.I.C. has set up production centres for manufacture of readymade garments (Handloom) and if so, the details thereof and how many persons are actually working in these centres, alongwith the pay scales of such employees as on 1st April, 1994 ;

(c) how much expenditure has been incurred on procurement of cloth/leather etc. and the details of exports made during the last three years; and

(d) what are the future plan to boost export of garments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi promotes and develops the Indian Handicrafts and Handlooms products by providing design inputs to artisans and weavers, and through participation in exhibitions and fairs in India and abroad. To boost the sales, the Corporation organised 70 exhibitions of different product of handicrafts and handlooms during the last three years. 500 designs for various crafts were developed during this period.